AlC settles the admissible claims within two months after the receipt of yield data from the concerned State Government provided the share of funds of the central and State Government have been received by AlC.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India cnstituted a Joint Group to study the improvements required in the existing crop insurance scheme The joint Group has made a number of recommendations which, *interalia,* include on account payment of claims on the basis of weather data/satellite imagery or other proxy indicators for timely settlement of claims.

Development of Jakhau Fishery Harbour Project

1200. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3364 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23th December, 2005 and state:

(a) whether a comprehensive report on the escalation of cost of the project on development of Jakhau Fishery Harbour Phase II and a revised estimate were received in 2005; and

(b) if so, the final outcome of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Government of Gujarat had forwarded a cost estimate for escalated project cost of Rs. 5291 lakhs in May 2005, which was not the comprehensive proposal as equested by the Government of India (GOI). The Government of Gujarat in May 2006 has reported that preparation of revised project proposal as requested by GOI is progressing in the State Government.

Production of Mangoes

† 1201. SHRI MANGANILAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of mangoes in the country is declining day-by-day;

(b) whether there is a huge potentiality of expot of mangoes;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in the case of production of mangoes, the scientific approach of Government has not yet been widely implemented;
and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.